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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2006 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) or his designee, to accept Program Year (PY) 2006 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) which is anticipated to be \$5,860,343 based on 90% of 2005 PY funding level.
2. Authorize the Director to execute the State Standard Agreement for the 2006 PY CSBG funding and any required term extensions, modifications, and/or amendments, and to accept additions to or reductions in CSBG funding, up to 25 percent of the anticipated grant award.
3. Approve the agencies' recommended funding levels, totaling \$4,294,504 as indicated on Attachment A, for the provision of community services under the CSBG program to the impoverished population of Los Angeles County.

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4. Authorize the Director of DPSS or his designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with the agencies and in the amounts indicated on Attachment A, in substantially similar form to Attachment B, for the provision of community services effective upon Board approval or January 1, 2006, whichever date is later, through December 31, 2006. The \$4,294,504 cost of the contracts and program is fully financed using CSBG funding.
5. Authorize the Director of DPSS or his designee, to execute contract amendments in substantially similar form to Attachment C, with the agencies indicated on Attachment A, for any required term extension and/or to increase or decrease contract amounts based on contractor performance and availability of funding provided that: (a) the amount of change does not exceed 25 percent of the original contract amount; and (b) approval is granted by County Counsel. DPSS will inform the Board and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) of any increase or decrease in funding. This action assures full expenditure of funds and is consistent with the Board's policy requiring review of contractor performance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Each calendar year, the County receives notification of CSBG grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the State CSD based on the latest census data on poverty individuals. The grant provides funding for CSBG program services to the County's impoverished population and DPSS costs for administration. CSD has not received notice of California's final 2006 CSBG allocation.

The PY 2005 CSBG funding and service provider contracts expire on December 31, 2005. The recommended actions using 90% of 2005 PY funding levels will enable contract agencies to provide services to low-income residents who are at or below the federally-established poverty level in Los Angeles County with access to a broad array of services in employment, education, health, housing, nutrition, linkages and emergency services, and avoid any interruption in services.

The agencies' funding allocations are based on the funding methodology that has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Community Action Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals. Goal 1: Provide the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both beneficial and responsive; Goal 3: Ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective and goal-oriented; and Goal 5: Improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County as measured by the achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and educational/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department's FY 2005-06 Adopted Budget includes sufficient appropriation and anticipated revenue to cover the cost of the program, using 2005 PY funding levels with an anticipated 10% reduction. It is anticipated that there will be no fiscal impact on the County general fund as the CSBG program is fully financed by Federal appropriations. In the event the 2006 PY CSBG grant funding is not realized to the extent anticipated, DPSS will amend contracts to reflect any 2006 PY funding reductions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 15, 2005, the Los Angeles County Community Actions Board (CAB), the State-mandated body, approved the funding recommendations of all agencies listed on Attachment A. The recommended funding levels have been allocated to agencies in proportion to the number of poverty population in each Supervisorial District as indicated on Attachment A.

Performance goals and outcomes have been incorporated into our Request for Proposal (RFP) and contracting process. The 2006 PY is the final year of a four-year RFP cycle which began in August 2002.

The CAO has reviewed and concurs with the recommended action. County Counsel has approved Attachments B and C as to form.

The required Grant Management Statement is included in Attachment D.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The recommended agencies on Attachment A were awarded contracts through an open competitive RFP process conducted in August 2002. The bid opportunity was posted on the Office of Small Business Website as part of the procurement process. The RFP was conducted for a four (4) year funding cycle with yearly contracts renewable each year based on contract compliance and contractor performance. The fourth and final year of the four-year funding cycle will be 2006.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable DPSS to continue providing CSBG services to poverty residents in all Supervisorial Districts of the Los Angeles County through its CSBG network of 101 non-profit agencies. These actions will preclude any interruption of current services. The cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, and portions of Altadena receive CSBG funds directly. Residents in these areas will not be served under the County's CSBG Program but rather by their own community action agencies.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryce Yokomizo
Director

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Attachments

- c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Auditor-Controller
- Community Action Board